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Confirmation No. 9140

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's communication dated Nov. 3, 2004, which includes allowance of claims 1 - 20 and 25 - 28, is acknowledged with thanks.

Claims 1 - 20 and 25 - 28 are pending. Claims 21 - 24 remain cancelled. Prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with practice under *Ex parte Quayle*.

By the present amendment, claims 1, 3, and 8 are amended in accordance with the Examiner's requirements and to more clearly state and distinctly claim what the applicants believe to be their invention. The application is believed to be in condition for passing to issue, which is respectfully requested.

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